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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM DELIVERED

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Classified By: Classified by DCM Julie Furuta-Toy for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On February 1, 2010, Poloff delivered the demarche on mobilizing pressure to persuade Iran's engagement on its nuclear program to Mrs. Gloria Poku, Deputy Director of the Americas Bureau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). Poloff emphasized the need to increase pressure on Iran and that USG intent is not to escalate into conflict but to press for a diplomatic resolution. Poloff then asked GOG to help ensure that all existing enforcement measures are implemented as comprehensively as possible. Mrs. Poku took notes during the meeting and promised to pass the information to the Foreign Minister but made no further comment.

¶2. (C) Comment: Reftel instructed post to deliver the demarche without leaving points behind as a non-paper. Post notes that in our experience, GOG MFA officials are generalists and not well versed in the details of Iran's nuclear politics. Our sense is that our inability to provide written points on this particular issue may limit the effectiveness of the demarche. End Comment.

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